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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRIP

1. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED TEXT OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF SECRETARY'S VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA. WE PLAN TO MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT AT 12:30 PM, FEBRUARY 2 IN WASHINGTON. THIS IS 11:30 AM IN SAN JOSE, 12:30 IN LIMA, 1:30 PM IN CARACAS AND 2:30 P.M. IN BRASILIA.

2. ACTION REQUIRED FOR CARACAS, BRASILIA, LIMA, SAN JOSE: POSTS SHOULD OBTAIN HOST GOVERNMENT CONCURRENCE SOONEST FOR PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENT AND ITS TIMING. IF YOUR HOST GOVERNMENT WISHES TO MAKE A JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT WITH THE EMBASSY, THE ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD OF COURSE REFER ONLY  
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TO THE VISIT TO THAT PARTICULAR COUNTRY AND THE DATES OF

THAT VISIT.

QUOTE: THE SECRETARY HAS ACCEPTED INVITATIONS TO VISIT SEVERAL LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. HE WILL GO TO LATIN AMERICA ON AN EIGHT DAY TRIP BEGINNING FEBRUARY 16. HE WILL VISIT BRAZIL, VENEZUELA, PERU, AND COSTA RICA. HE PLANS TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 23. END QUOTE.

PRESS GUIDANCE:

Q. WHY HAS THE SECRETARY EXCLUDED ARGENTINA, CHILE, COLOMBIA, ETC?

A. THE SECRETARY HAS NOT RULED OUT FUTURE VISITS TO OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. AT THIS TIME, HE THOUGHT AN EIGHT DAY VISIT ABOUT RIGHT, AND HE DID NOT WANT TO ATTEMPT TOO MANY COUNTRIES.

Q. WHAT WILL BE THE TOPICS OF DISCUSSION?

A. THERE IS NO FIXED AGENDA. HOWEVER, IT IS FAIR TO ASSUME THAT ECONOMIC RELATIONS WILL BE AMONG THE SUBJECTS HE WILL DISCUSS. ALL OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES HE WILL VISIT ARE ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN CIEC. THE TRIP WILL ALSO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS IN DEPTH U.S.-LATIN AMERICAN, AS WELL AS SPECIFIC BILATERAL RELATIONS. KISSINGER

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